

# MT. BLUE WORKSHOP – AGAIN

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Back by popular demand, The Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists, the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists and the Maine Association of Site Evaluators is once again sponsoring the workshop held last year at Mt. Blue State Park in Weld, Maine. The date for the workshop is Wednesday, **September 3, 2014**. As those of you who attended the workshop last year know, Mother Nature threw a curve at me by providing a heavy rain storm just before the workshop. That resulted in most off drained soil pits being filled with water and caused the seasonal streams to fill up. A wet summer also resulted in Webb Lake being at spring levels, vernal pools being filled up and marginal wetlands looking like they would be in the spring. Another result was that a few of the regulators who visited the site in August, under dry conditions, changed some of their initial calls after seeing the sites again on the day of the workshop. That prompted an article by Albert Frick, published in the MAPSS and MASE newsletters, highlighting the difficulty consultant's face when working in the field. Some of the regulators agreed that they would have a different perspective in the future when making difficult calls on natural resources, on the basis on a single site visit.

For those of you who didn't make it to the workshop site last year, I believe you will find the sites interesting and challenging. For those of you who did make it, hopefully this summer will be more like it is supposed to be in early September. The results should make for some very interesting discussion with the regulators.

See Mt. Blue Soils And Natural Resources Workshop, written for the workshop late year, for a detailed discussion of features to be observed.